



VB/I-70 00-1
Sampling Access Strategy

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Issue: Actions that EPA is planning to encourage those landlords and/or property owners within the VB/I-70 Superfund boundaries who have so far refused or ignored EPA's request to sample their soil for lead and arsenic.

For all the following groups, EPA has already done the following:

- Since 1999, EPA has mailed updates and fact sheets about the project to all property owners and landlords, within the VB/I-70 boundaries. Many of these mailings specifically requested that property owners participate in the sampling effort and allow EPA access to their properties.
- From July – September 2005, community leaders attempted to personally contact all property owners, including those landlords who live within the VB/I-70 boundaries.
- EPA has repeatedly discussed this issue with the Working Group and received their input on the subject.

In addition, EPA has already done the following for each group:

- **Property owners who have ignored EPA requests to sample property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
 - Community leaders attempted to contact in 2005
 - PRI mailing every four to six weeks
 - Last Chance letter mailed January 2006
- **Property owners who have refused EPA requests to sample property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
- **Property owners who have ignored EPA requests to clean up property.**
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 - Community leaders attempted to contact in 2005
 - PRI mailing every four to six weeks
 - Last Chance letter mailed January 2006
- **Property owners who have refused EPA requests to clean up property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
- **Landlords who have ignored EPA requests to sample property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
 - PRI mailing every four to six weeks

- PRI staff periodically knock on their doors
 - Community leaders attempted to contact in 2005 (only those living in the boundary area)
 - In March 2005, EPA sent a certified letter to all landlords whose property still needs to be sampled, but repeated requests from EPA have been ignored. The letter was strongly worded and made clear that EPA could force access and payment for the work.
 - Last Chance letter was mailed January in 2006.
- **Landlords who have refused EPA requests to sample property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
 - **Landlords who have ignored EPA requests to clean up property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999
 - PRI mailing every four to six weeks
 - PRI staff periodically knock on their doors
 - **Landlords who have refused EPA requests to clean up property.**
 - Mailings and fact sheets since 1999

What we are planning to do:

- ✓ **Obtain accurate owner information for outstanding properties.**
 1. Get latest lists from PRI with updated owner information and soil results numbers when available from real property records (*done*).
 2. cross reference above lists with information from contact sheets collected by community leaders (*group*).
 3. cross reference above lists with information from certified letter mailings (*Jennifer and Pat*).
 4. cross reference above lists with information about those properties from PRI (*done*)
 5. cross reference lists with Community Health Worker information (*Jay – almost done*)
 6. split lists into landlord properties and property owner properties (*done*).
- **Prepare internal briefings**
 1. Karen to discuss with Carol Rushin. Team can provide briefing, if possible (*on hold until door to door effort concludes*).

2. Victor to discuss with Max. Team can provide briefing, if possible (*on hold until door to door effort concludes*)
3. Gather media articles for briefings (*done*).

✓ **Develop messages about what EPA is prepared to do about property owners and landlords who do not voluntarily provide access.**

1. Talking Points (*done*).
1. Share talking points with Community Health Workers and crew, so everyone is communicating the same thing (*done*).

✓ **Alert media, elected officials, and community leaders of our effort to go door-to-door and what message we'll be sending.**

1. Call/email reporters to discuss our position (*Jennifer*).
2. Call community leaders to discuss our position (*Jennifer and Pat*
Lorraine (done)
Kosnett
Anthony (done)
Joan (done)
Sandy
Michael Maes
New Clayton neighborhood assoc. pres.
New Clayton Civic Assoc. pres.
News letter updates
3. Contact City Council reps to discuss our position (*done*).
Rep. Diana DeGette (Chris Arend) 2:30 3/20
Councilperson Elbra Wedgeworth email
Councilperson Judy Montero TBD

Jim Weaver
Gloria

✓ **Door-to-Door Outreach: Contact landlords and/or property owners by phone or in person and communicate the situation, encourage them to participate, and discuss potential consequences. (*John, Jennifer, Pat, Victor, Karen?*)**

1. Find Spanish speakers to assist. (*Done*)
2. Find Community leaders to assist? (*Jennifer*)
3. Draft contact sheet and talking points (talking points might change, depending on EPA's final position) (*done*)